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> Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

> > Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE FIELD, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Hinton 31 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for CV RA SU133, said well being located as shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973.
- 2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SU133 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
  - 3. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-6, effective May 24, 1978.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

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DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

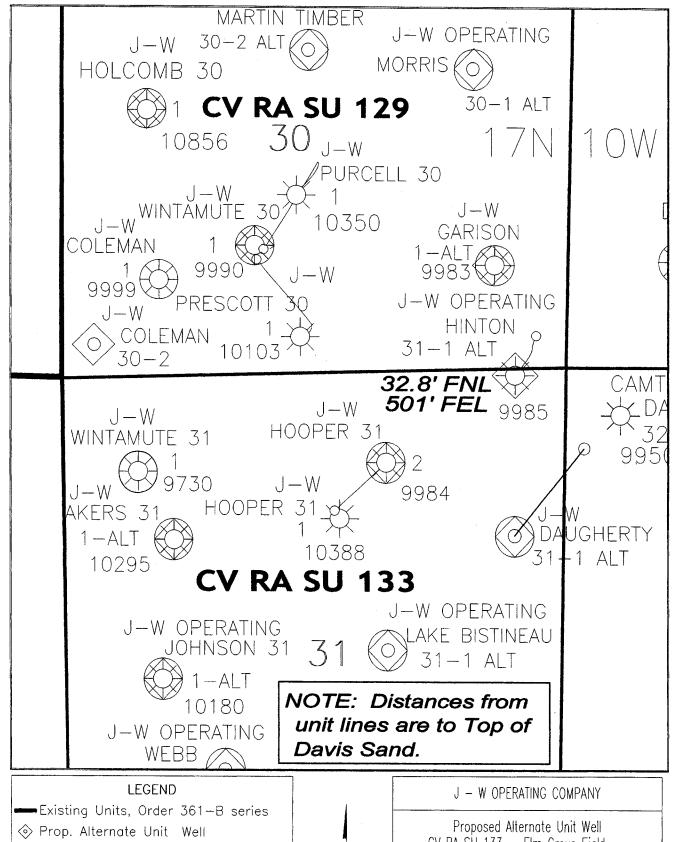
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encls.)

Ms. Janet Sanford (w/encls.)

Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



- O Unit Well
- Approved Alternate Unit Wells Posted on Wells > 8300'



Proposed Alternate Unit Well CV RA SU 133 Elm Grove Field Webster Ph., La.

DATE:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	1" = 1000'	03-??